

House Resolution 329

By: Representative Coan of the 101st

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Kyle Maynard; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Kyle Maynard is an outstanding individual who has excelled as an athlete,
3 author, motivational speaker, and an inspiration to everyone who knows him or about him;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, this amazing individual born as a congenital amputee with arms and legs that
6 stop at the elbows and knees is an exceptional student athlete and champion wrestler; and

7 WHEREAS, as a varsity wrestler for Collins Hill High School, Kyle ended his senior year
8 competition at the 2004 Georgia State Wrestling Championships with an impressive 35-16
9 record; he received an ESPY award for Best Athlete with a Disability, was honored with the
10 President's Award for Courage, and has been inducted into the Wrestling hall of Fame; and
11 he wrestled for the University of Georgia before taking time away from college to promote
12 his book, *No Excuses*; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2005 he set a new world record for modified bench press and recently has
14 been training in resilience jiu-jitsu with plans to be a world champion in the next five years;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, his book, published in 2005, is a *New York Times* best seller, resulting in
17 appearances on *Larry King Live*, *Oprah*, and numerous other programs and led to his
18 ever-expanding career as a model for Abercrombie & Fitch and *Vanity Fair* and his work as
19 a professional motivational speaker; and

20 WHEREAS, one of his latest ventures is serving on the board of directors for a Chicago
21 based foundation called Beat the Streets which takes inner-city wrestlers off the streets and
22 onto the wrestling mats; this program has about 300 kids with plans to take it on a national
23 scale; and

1 WHEREAS, this young man's career and life epitomize the outstanding character,
2 determination, and leadership necessary to attain excellence in athletic performance and as
3 an individual and citizen; and

4 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this young man of great humility,
5 superlative skills, and outstanding deeds be appropriately recognized.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
7 the members of this body commend Kyle Maynard for his unprecedented athletic
8 performance and his exemplary community service, congratulate him upon his many
9 accomplishments, and extend to him their sincerest best wishes for success in the future.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
11 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Kyle Maynard.